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RECONSTRUCTION TEAM CONFERENCE

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(C) On June 23, following consultations with our Canadian colleagues in Paris, the embassy's pol/miloff delivered to Nicolas Niemtchinow, MFA DAS-equivalent Director for NATO issues, our joint Canadian and U.S. invitation for France to attend the Afghanistan Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Effectiveness conference in Budapest. On June 29, Xavier Chatel, Niemtchinow's deputy and action officer for NATO operations in Afghanistan, indicated that he had been asked to represent France at the July 20-21 conference. Chatel noted that while France had not changed its views against participating in PRTs, it believes it useful for France to attend to learn more about PRT operations, especially as France will take over the ISAF Kabul regional command on 6 August.

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